

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application.

Claims

Minor changes have been made to the pending claims to place them in better form for U.S. practice.

Election of Species

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated August 29, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Species I: Figures 1-9, drawn to an inflator including a specific diffuser, rupture plate, and flow path configuration at each axial end; and

Species II: Figures 10-12, drawn to an inflator including a casing that defines specific flow paths from the inflator into the air bag(s).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Figs. 1-9, without traverse. Claims 1-15, 34, and 35 are directed to this species. Currently, no claim is generic.

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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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